

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ST. PAUL POLICE  
CHIEF TODD AXTELL ON THE OC-  
CASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Chief Todd Axtell, upon his retirement on June 1 after more than 30 years of service to the City of Saint Paul Police Department including six years as Chief of Police. A dedicated and respected public servant, his leadership carried the department through many tumultuous times as he worked to build trust and transparency between the police and the Saint Paul community.

Chief Axtell grew up in Northfield, Minnesota, and after pursuing a law enforcement degree landed a job with the Saint Paul Police Department in 1989. Throughout his time with the department, he worked in all three patrol districts, the gang unit, narcotics and special investigations. After 26 years with the department, Axtell was appointed Chief of Police by then Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman in June of 2016.

As Chief, and throughout his prior leadership positions in the department, he worked toward three priorities—community engagement, diversifying the police department and addressing gun violence. He launched the Law Enforcement Career Path Academy to recruit a more diverse group of young people who would normally face obstacles to becoming a police officer, and started the Community Outreach Stabilization unit which pairs social workers with specially trained officers to work with people who are mentally ill, homeless or chemically dependent. He has been a consistent advocate for his officers but also held them to a high standard, overseeing increased training and transparency programs, and always being quick to acknowledge and respond to cases of misconduct.

Well known for his desire to get to know the community he served, Chief Axtell is spoken of highly by the city's religious leaders, elected officials, and many local community groups representing the diverse population of Saint Paul. He has been a steadfast partner to many, and our community has benefited greatly from his steady leadership. Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to pay tribute to Chief Todd Axtell as he retires from the Saint Paul Police Department after more than three decades of public service, and in honor of his ongoing commitment to improving public safety.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE WAGNER,  
CASA FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steve Wagner, General Manager of the Goleta Sanitary District. Steve is currently completing his term as the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' Federal Legislative Committee Chair.

While Steve has been a member of the CASA Federal Legislative Committee for many years, his committee leadership during the past two years helped guide the group through unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our successful support for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that will lead our Nation's investment in water infrastructure. Steve's tenure saw the successful implementation of CASA's federal policy priorities that included the introduction of legislation to eliminate nondeteriorating single use wet wipes that contribute to plastic pollution in our environment, working to ensure that the polluter pays principle is preserved when PFAS contamination cleanups are initiated, and supporting commonsense approaches to climate change, such as water recycling assistance.

During his time as Chair, the Federal Legislative Committee fulfilled its responsibilities to establish CASA's position on federal legislation that could impact its members, and keep policymakers informed on these and other vital public health matters. Of special note, in 2022 Steve oversaw the return of the annual Washington D.C. policy forum that was disrupted in 2021 due to pandemic restrictions. Steve performed the duties of Chair while also fulfilling his responsibilities as General Manager and Principal Engineer for the Goleta Sanitary District. As General Manager, Steve oversees the entirety of the District's 132 miles of wastewater collection services, as well as the District's role as the regional treatment facility for Goleta Valley.

Madam Speaker, Steve Wagner leaves CASA and Federal Legislative Committee in a strong place, well prepared to continue to respond to federal legislative and regulatory actions on behalf of CASA and the tens of millions of Californians that rely on CASA agencies to deliver water quality and public health improvements. I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing immense gratitude to Steve Wagner for his extraordinary leadership of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' Federal Legislative Committee.

RECOGNIZING BARRY SCHNEIDER

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Barry Schneider, on the occasion of his retirement as longtime board member and former Chair of Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8) after 30 years of dedicated leadership and service.

Mr. Schneider first began his history of community engagement after learning of plans to convert a vacant lot on 63rd Street to a parking facility. Mr. Schneider joined with fellow residents to oppose the plan and express the negative impacts it would have on the area especially on the congestion at what was already a busy intersection. This group became the East Sixties Neighborhood Association, Inc. (ESNA). ESNA was successful in its efforts, and the lot was instead converted into a community garden.

Seeking to have a larger impact on more community issues after the success of ESNA, Mr. Schneider was appointed to CB8 in 1992. Throughout his time on CB8, Mr. Schneider was an advocate for community accessibility. Mr. Schneider instituted CB8's attendance at District Street Fairs in order to promote familiarity and open communication between CB8 and members of the public.

Mr. Schneider carried his dedication into the work he performed on many of CB8's Committees and Task Forces. Mr. Schneider co-chaired both the Transportation Committee and the Parks and Waterfront Committee, as well as serving as co-chair of a joint committee between CB8 and Manhattan Community Board 6 to address issues affecting both communities. Mr. Schneider presided as chair of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Task Force, the Park Avenue Armory Task Force, and the Second Avenue Subway Task Force.

During the construction of the Second Avenue Subway, Mr. Schneider acted as a voice for the community. After attending meetings with the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and seeing concerns go unaddressed, Mr. Schneider advocated for a new meeting format that would focus on communities being heard, listened to, and respected. The new format created meetings where the MTA would be present at individual tables for the proposed neighborhood sites, allowing for direct, local communication with those neighborhoods. The format was effective, with community members being able to express the unique needs of their neighborhood and the MTA responding accordingly directly aiding the successful completion of the Second Avenue Subway and its opening in 2017.

Mr. Schneider served as Chair of CB8 from 1998 to 2000 and focused a lot of energy on ensuring that all interactions at the Board were respectful especially when issues heightened passions. He supported frequent interaction between members of CB8 and the public,

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while maintaining that discussion should be carried out with polite conduct and consideration of others. He is known for his Civility sign, which he frequently hung on lecterns to facilitate respectful and productive discussion. He sought to encourage individuals to speak who normally would not, increase engagement, and promote kindness.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Barry Schneider. His dedication and leadership have helped shape a vibrant community for Roosevelt Island and Manhattan's Upper East Side. His presence on Community Board 8 will be missed, and he leaves a lasting impact with his devoted service to his community.

CONGRATULATING ST. ELIZABETH'S BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2022 CLASS I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Elizabeth Hornets baseball team for winning the Class I State title.

As the father of three St. Elizabeth graduates and a graduate myself, I couldn't be prouder of this program. This is the baseball team's second state title in three seasons. These great players and coaches should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the St. Elizabeth Hornets baseball team for a job well done.

HONORING ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky on their 75th anniversary.

The church was founded in 1947. At that time, it was the entry point to south Lexington. There weren't any houses or other buildings in the area when the church was built. The neighborhood grew up around the church.

As the congregation gathers to celebrate the 75th anniversary, I recognize the impact that this congregation has made on the Lexington community over the years. The church has reached thousands of people with food, financial assistance, and spiritual sustenance.

I congratulate Senior Pastor Eddie Benton and all the members of Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington on their 75th anniversary and wish them many more years of successful ministry, serving God and reaching out to the community.

HONORING RHETT ROBINSON

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Rhett Robinson, upon his acceptance to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Acta Non Verba."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

A vital part of our Nation's maritime operations, the Merchant Marine's duties are dynamic—transporting cargo and passengers during peacetime and serving as an auxiliary to the United States Navy during times of war.

I was glad to sponsor Rhett's nomination, as his dynamism reflects the mission of the branch which he will soon serve. I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Rhett, and know that he will make this Nation proud.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN HILTON RAISER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable philanthropist and community leader, Helen Hilton Raiser. Through sheer will and determination she helped restore a wasteland into a major new public attraction in the City by the Bay: Francisco Park, a new 4.5 acre jewel at the corner of Hyde and Francisco Streets. Helen contributed in countless ways by fundraising, assisting in design and promoting her vision for this new park during its development.

In addition to Helen, credit goes to hundreds of neighbors and the leadership of the Francisco Park Conservancy, including board president Leslie Alspach and all of the original and successor board members. \$27.5 million was raised by these leaders and Helen as they sought to turn a long-neglected area into a new destination in San Francisco.

For 80 years this site was a deserted reservoir hosting poison oak, raccoons, and an occasional coyote, but otherwise inhospitable to visitors. The reservoir was San Francisco's first, built in 1860 and it was crucial during the 1906 earthquake and fire. However, it was abandoned in 1940 after a newer facility was built a short distance away. This old reservoir remained an eyesore for decades, only to begin its renaissance after neighbors organized in 2011, and after the San Francisco Recreation and Parks department assumed formal responsibility for the location in 2014.

What makes Francisco Park so special is that numerous community meetings over many years led to a special place that will serve both residents and likely hundreds of thousands of visitors, annually. The park is ad-

jacent to the Hyde Street cable car and visitors from around the globe will probably disembark and enjoy the inspirational views from this place of urban greenery. There is also a children's playground, a fenced dog run with artificial turf, and a community garden. A "heart of San Francisco" sculpture is on display, donated by Helen Hilton Raiser. It was created by the artist Laura Lineback. Early settlers and the harbor of what was then known as Yerba Buena were located nearby, so history is at the fingertips of visitors. Interpretive signage offers visitors important historical facts about the site, educational lessons about water conservation, a description of views from the location, and other features that make the park as much a classroom as it is recreational open space.

While I rise to highlight this park, Ms. Raiser and her neighbors, I also note Helen's long history of philanthropy and activism. She is well known as a leader at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and as a major benefactor, over decades, of community groups from the peninsula through San Francisco.

It was my good fortune to meet her decades ago as she led her campaign against handguns and gun violence. She personally led a 1982 effort on the California ballot to sharply reduce the number of handguns in California, and was a board member of Handgun Control, Inc. We became personal friends after that effort. Locally, she was a major volunteer with the Girl Scouts of America, the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County, at Mills-Peninsula Hospital, numerous school associations and she served on the Board of Directors of the Junior Statesman Foundation as well as the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County. She has been a major advocate for affordable housing through the nonprofit Human Investment Project. In recognition of her outstanding leadership, Helen Hilton Raiser was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 1987.

Madam Speaker and members, we have known great adversity in these past years as a scourge of nature visited our streets and our homes. We watched as nations yielded to the pressure of the pestilence, and as national and personal economies crumbled under the weight of our times. At moments such as these, it is important to remember that the makers of history are not always those whose names are in the headlines. They are often neighborhood activists, intent upon improving our country one park, one block or one school at a time. Throughout her life, whether via art or philanthropy, in schools or hospitals, in the halls of Congress or the state capitol, Helen Hilton Raiser is one of those makers of history. Let me express my gratitude for her friendship and leadership. There is nothing truer to our purpose as a nation than civic virtue, and Helen Hilton Raiser is its embodiment.

MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ALLIANCE OF INDIA AND AMERICA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the strong and vibrant relationship

between India, the world's largest democracy, and the United States, the world's oldest democracy, has demonstrated our shared values for Rule of Law.

I grew up with an appreciation of the people of India, because my father, First Lieutenant Hugh Wilson, served there in the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying Tigers in 1944, where he recognized the industriousness of the citizens of India.

I am particularly grateful for the prosperous Indian-American community in South Carolina and look forward to its continued growth and achievements. In 2014 in New York at Madison Square Garden, I helped welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in 2016 in Washington, I was on the Escort Committee for the Prime Minister's address to Congress, in 2019 in New Delhi at the Red Fort, I attended Indian Independence Day, and in 2019 at the Howdy Modi program in Houston at the Astrodome, I joined President Donald Trump to recognize the Prime Minister.

South Carolina's first female governor in 340 years was appropriately Nikki Randhawa Haley, who served with distinction. The Indian American community, of all immigrant groups in the United States, has achieved the highest per capita income level.

I appreciate the visits with India's Consul General Dr. Swati V. Kulkarni of Atlanta and Mr. KV Kumar, President and CEO of the Indian American International Chamber of Commerce to discuss the bilateral relationship between India and the United States. Bilateral trade in goods between the two countries crossed the \$100 billion mark in 2021, making it the largest volume of goods trade in a calendar year in India-U.S. economic history. This also represents an almost 45 percent jump from 2020, which is the single biggest jump of all the U.S. trade partners. Working together, Indian industry can build dynamic military manufacturing to be independent of foreign suppliers.

The talks with Consul General also covered conversation on mass murder by war criminal Putin in Ukraine, its implications, and current regional developments.

To take U.S. and India ties forward and to realize the full spirit of our strategic partnership, USA and the Republic of India need to cooperate more closely in the Indo-Pacific. Certainly, there are issues of mutual concern with regard to China's malign goals in the region, and the partnership to counter these authoritarian aspirations should be robust.

Throughout her service as India's Consul General, Dr. Kulkarni has been an exemplary representative of the Republic of India. She was proactive across the southeast promoting the shared values of India and America. She will be greatly missed upon her departure from her post, as she continues her productive service for the people of India.

In the current contest of democracy with Rule of Law opposed by authoritarians with Rule of Gun, it is more important for cooperation to establish peace through strength.

## STANDING WITH THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH

### HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the people of Bangladesh. I want to voice my support for human rights defenders, members of minority groups, and civil society in Bangladesh at this moment when the Bangladeshi government is persisting in threatening the basic human rights and civil liberties of its people. The Bangladeshi government, led by Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League, has earned widespread criticism for its deteriorating human rights record, and for its failure to protect the most vulnerable people living in Bangladesh—indigenous people, women, religious minorities, activists, and refugees.

Amnesty International tracks human rights abuses in Bangladesh and has noted their acceleration during the pandemic. Under the draconian Digital Security Act of 2018, Bangladeshi journalists and other human rights defenders are routinely persecuted for reporting on corruption or criticizing any of the government's policies. COVID-19 policies against public gatherings have been used to prevent political meetings, and to quell public protests against the government. Violence against women and indigenous activists has also intensified during the pandemic.

The Bangladeshi government employs a joint task force composed of members of police, military, and border guards called the Rapid Action Battalion, and it has consistently failed to address the excesses of these and other security forces. The Rapid Action Battalion and other Bangladeshi law enforcement entities are alleged to be responsible for more than 600 disappearances since 2009 and nearly 600 extrajudicial killings since 2018. These incidents reportedly target opposition party members, journalists, and human rights activists.

Last August, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, of which I am a member, hosted a briefing on the deeply disturbing uptick in enforced disappearances in Bangladesh. Representatives from Human Rights Watch and the Asian Human Rights Commission participated, as did Bangladeshi photojournalist and activist Shahidul Alam who had been unlawfully arrested after posting criticism of the Bangladeshi Government on Facebook, and the sister of disappeared opposition leader Sajedul Islam Sumon. These violent and illegal forced disappearances have chilling effects on free speech, political opposition, and civil society.

On International Human Rights Day last year, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced sanctions on the Rapid Action Battalion, citing how their actions undermine the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The United Nations reported that since the sanctions against the Rapid Action Battalion officials were announced in December, the Bangladeshi government has responded by launching a retaliatory campaign of intimidation and harassment. The homes of at least 10 relatives of people forcibly disappeared are reported to have been raided at night, and some relatives were

forced to sign statements saying that their loved ones had not in fact been forcibly disappeared.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in standing with the people of Bangladesh, especially those bravest and most vulnerable, and urging the Bangladeshi government to take immediate action to respect the civil rights and safety of all the people of Bangladesh.

## IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT HUNGERSCHAFFER

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Robert A. Hungerschafer from Bellingham, Washington.

Robert is a dedicated volunteer who has served his community with selflessness and compassion by donating blood, plasma and platelets.

His contributions are staggering.

Robert has made 1,100 voluntary donations, potentially saving more than 7,900 lives.

He has donated more than 300 gallons of blood, plasma and platelets and traveled over 74,000 miles to help save lives.

But Robert is more than a donor.

He also volunteers by documenting the lives of Washington state servicemembers who lost their lives in World War I.

Robert's donations help save the lives of people he will never meet. This selflessness is essential to building stronger communities and is a reminder that everyone can play a part in improving the lives of their neighbors.

It is my honor to recognize Robert M. Hungerschafer for his service to his community, Washington state and the United States.

## TRIBUTE TO BARBARA LEVENSON—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Barbara Levenson, of Pismo Beach, California.

After 27 years as a pharmacist at Atascadero State Hospital, Barbara Levenson retired to focus on community service. But even before retirement, Barbara was recognized by the Tribune as an Unsung Hero for her dedication to serving humane causes. This is illustrated by her work with the Wellness Kitchen in Atascadero, where food was prepared for residents with special dietary needs due to health conditions. She was also a member of the Flying Samaritans, a team of medical professionals that flies to different areas of the world to provide free medical services to the needy.

Post retirement, Barbara remains committed to providing support and care to those who need it most and gives her time and energy to a range of organizations nurturing a healthy, welcoming community. She is a member of the San Luis Obispo NAACP, for which she has served as secretary, and is also a member of the SLO County Diversity Coalition.

Barbara served as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman in San Luis Obispo County for eight years, assisting residents of long-term care facilities and their families to resolve problems related to the health, safety, welfare, and rights of those in Long Term Care facilities. She is now the chair of the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Board that evaluates the community's behavioral health needs, services, and facilities and advises the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health Administrator.

As a volunteer, Barbara serves organizations that encourage growth and opportunity. For the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation, she reviews scholarship applications and even created an endowment in the name of her brother, John Renner, supporting students who identify at LGBTQ+. Barbara is also a member of the Central Coast Circle of Friendship Bridge which provides microfinance, education, and health services to build opportunities. In alignment with United Nations Millennium Development goals, the Central Coast Circle empowers Guatemalan women to build a better future. Lastly, Barbara is an avid reader and South County book club member, who volunteers with the Arroyo Grande Library, organizing donated books for the annual book sale.

I am honored to recognize Barbara, one of our community's "quiet heroes," for her commitment to improving the lives of so many. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Barbara Levenson, for her incredible service to her community.

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CELEBRATING THE 57TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Head Start, a crucial program that celebrated its 57th anniversary this year.

Since 1965, Head Start has promoted school readiness for children in economically disadvantaged families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. Head Start has served more than 39 million children and their families in urban and rural areas in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories, including American Indian, Alaska Native, migrant and seasonal communities.

Head Start works with and for the communities they serve to improve the lives of children from birth. Growing from an eight-week demonstration project, Head Start now includes full-day and year-round services, which more than one million children and their families benefit from each year. A key tenet of the program is that it be culturally responsive to

the communities it serves, and that the communities have an investment in its success.

The early education services and essential support offered by Head Start provides children the tools they need for future success. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Head Start and its staff for their invaluable contributions over the past 57 years to building opportunities so that every child can thrive.

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RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
FRANK SMITH

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the service of a great Nebraskan, Mr. Frank Smith who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr. Smith (no relation) was recently recognized by the Gage County Board of Supervisors for his service to Nebraskans and our country. I am honored to have the opportunity to join my fellow Nebraskans in thanking Mr. Smith for his service.

On May 5th, he turned 100. A member of the Greatest Generation, he was born in Omaha and raised in Beatrice. He studied agriculture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and he enlisted in the Army on June 10, 1942. He served during World War II and was awarded the World War II campaign medal with three Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct medal. He was honorably discharged as a corporal. Corporal Frank Smith, USA, Retired, enlisted because he loves our great country, and his volunteerism has continued in the years following his military service.

Upon returning from tours in Africa and Italy with a heavy weapons company, he went on to work in farming, then as a prison chaplain. When asked about his patriotic dedication, he said, "My government's important to me, although it's not always so good as it should be, but it's mine."

At 100 years old, he continues to volunteer with Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, delivering meals to fellow senior citizens every day. To put it simply, his life story is extraordinary. It would be easy for someone who has done and given as much as Frank to sit back and relax, but he continues serving others.

I thank Mr. Smith for all his service and sacrifice.

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CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Minnesota Humanities Center as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of "sparking change" in our communities using the power of the humanities to explore, interpret, and engage. The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is a collaborative

non-profit working with individuals, organizations and communities to bring humanities programming to all Minnesotans, and is rooted in the belief that the humanities have the power to connect, bridge differences, interpret the complexities of the world and positively shape our future.

Founded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1971, MHC was one of the very first humanities councils in the nation. In their first few decades they focused on a range of education initiatives that explored Minnesota's people and their history, and used televised or in-person programs to enhance the way that educators taught about these subjects in their classrooms. As MHC continued to grow they expanded by creating traveling exhibits and public events, bringing in international speakers and publishing books. Their burgeoning programming in the 1990s eventually led to the opening of their full-service event center in the former wing of Gillette Children's Hospital in Saint Paul in 1996. This center on the east side of Saint Paul is still the home of the Minnesota Humanities Center today, and houses a full-service meeting and event center, 15 administrative offices and 15 overnight guest rooms.

As MHC moved into the 21st century, their programming continued to expand and shift to serve the needs of Minnesotans. They began to focus on providing culturally responsive and linguistically relevant literacy initiatives in White and Green Hmong, Somali, Dakota and Ojibwe, and they broadened partnerships with school districts while engaging new audiences in a deeper understanding of history, culture and identity. One example of this programming is a documentary they co-produced with Twin Cities Public Television called "Iron Range: Minnesota Building America" that highlights the history and future of the Iron Range in northern Minnesota and won an Emmy Award for Best Cultural Documentary in 2009. Another example of their important work is their Veteran's Voices program which began in 2013 and honors Minnesota Veterans by celebrating their written and spoken stories about their experiences serving their country.

Grant-making is also central to the work of MHC. For 50 years they have worked hard to champion the work of individuals, nonprofits, schools and other collectives across Minnesota through their own competitive grants and by administering grant funds appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature. In the last year, MHC distributed over \$4.7 million through 180 grants across Minnesota, and through the CARES Act were awarded an additional \$538,500 to support COVID-19 relief efforts. I was proud to vote in favor of those funds, and I continue to support funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities through my role as Vice-Chair of the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee.

Led today by CEO Kevin Lindsey, MHC continues to be a beacon for learning and positive change in Minnesota, seeking to fulfill their vision of a just society that is connected, curious, and compassionate as they look to their next 50 years of service to the community. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Minnesota Humanities Center and their excellent humanities programming as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO SIGRID WRIGHT—  
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Sigrid Wright of Santa Barbara, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Barbara, Sigrid Wright has been a leader in environmental non-profits and climate change advocacy on the Central Coast for more than 25 years. With the many daunting challenges of the growing climate crisis, her leadership has guided the community in facing those challenges.

Sigrid was named as CEO/executive director of the Community Environmental Council (CEC) in 2015, becoming the first woman to lead the 45-year-old non-profit. Driven by the environmental destruction seen along Santa Barbara's coastline due to the 1969 oil spill, Sigrid has championed CEC's mission to move the Santa Barbara region away from dependence on fossil fuels in one generation—Fossil Free by '33. As CEO, Sigrid has spearheaded CEC's climate goals by educating and activating the Santa Barbara community around sustainable practices, advocating for environmentally sound policies and laws, and building partnerships with other organizations to open new pathways for sustainable transportation, energy, and food systems.

In her longstanding commitment to resolving the climate crisis, Sigrid co-founded the Central Coast Climate Justice Network as well as the Central Coast Climate Collaborative, devoted to advancing social, economic, and environmental justice. Sigrid's efforts to effect real change in climate advocacy have already been recognized by her community. In 2020, California Assemblymember Monique Limón named CEC Non-Profit of the Year. Community initiatives sparked by Sigrid and CEC have included Santa Barbara's first ever wind farm which is expected to power 53,000 family homes with clean, sustainable electricity.

Where Sigrid sees a need, she takes action to fill it. She strategizes and addresses each of the root causes of climate change in her role as leader of CEC. Her influence over Santa Barbara's local food justice movement has led to produce and prepared food being redirected to impoverished peoples and families in need rather than end up at a landfill. Sigrid's quest to reduce consumption and waste has helped expand the Rethink the Drink program, providing access to thousands of hydration stations across Santa Barbara County and environmental education for participating schools. She gives so much of her time, energy, and resources to serve our community. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds.

I am honored to recognize Sigrid for her continued commitment to environmental and climate change advocacy on the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in

honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Sigrid Wright, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING MATALIE MILES

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Matalie Miles, upon her acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, she will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Matalie's nomination and I am confident that her talents will distinguish her among her peers both during her time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Matalie, and know that she will make this Nation proud.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CURTIS L. JONES, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, commend, and extend my congratulations to a gifted educator, dedicated community leader, and great team builder, Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr. Dr. Jones retired from his role as Superintendent of the Bibb County, Georgia School District, and a retirement celebration was held on Friday, May 27, 2022, at The Macon Coliseum located at 200 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia.

Born to the union of Reverend Curtis L. Jones and Mrs. Roberta Prescott Jones, Dr. Jones earned his bachelor's degree at the United States Military Academy at West Point and went on to complete a distinguished military career in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Albany State University in Albany, Georgia, an Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial University, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

For nearly two decades, Dr. Jones has been an effective and trusted leader in multiple roles in public education administration in the state of Georgia. He established an impressive career beginning as a JROTC instructor with the Griffin-Spalding County School System in Griffin, Georgia, moving to the positions of High School Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and thereafter, Superintendent of Schools.

On April 6, 2015, he became Superintendent of the Bibb County School District in

Macon, Georgia, and worked tirelessly with teachers, administrators, and other support staff to transform the students of Bibb County into scholars, leaders, and good citizens. While leading the Bibb County School District, Dr. Jones has worked to enhance literacy and classroom learning through the development of a District Literacy Plan, which led to student growth on the Georgia Milestones Assessments. He led two voter-approved Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) campaigns, which funded the opening of six new school buildings and countless school renovation projects. His commitment to equity motivated him to secure major technology improvements assuring that every child has equal access to high-quality technology resources. During his tenure as Superintendent, the Bibb County School District has made great gains in improving its graduation rate from 58.9 percent in 2014 to 80.67 percent in 2021.

Under his exceptional leadership, the District has received Georgia's College Board Linking Award for having more than 80 percent of juniors and seniors utilizing Khan Academy for SAT preparation (2017); the Digital School District Survey Award for Large Student Population Districts category, and along with its Board of Education has been named both a Distinguished and Exemplary Board by the Georgia School Boards Association (2018). Bibb County was featured in The District Management Journal, in an article titled "Raising Achievement and Addressing Equity at Bibb County Schools" and as a case study with K–12 Insight for its work in improving stakeholder communications through its use of the Let's Talk! platform. In addition to these achievements, seven schools have achieved Leader in Me Lighthouse School status (2022), and the District has achieved accreditation from AdvancED, (now Cognia), with two schools—Skyview and Carter Elementary Schools, being recognized as National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I Schools of Distinction.

Dr. Jones' leadership has made a tremendous impact on the many educators and administrators in the District, as numerous leaders and staff members have been recognized at the state and national levels, and have been invited to serve as leading panelists and make presentations on how Bibb has demonstrated success.

Winston Churchill once said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr. has given so much to the Bibb County School District, its educators, its administrators, and most importantly, its students. He has cast a wide net in his service as an educator, and Bibb County, our state, and our nation are better because of his work.

In addition to his work for the Bibb County School District, Dr. Jones is engaged in numerous professional and community organizations including the Rotary Club of Macon and the Kiwanis Club of Macon. He serves on several community boards including those for the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Central Georgia. He is a past governing board member for The School Superintendents Association (AASA) and past president of the Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA).

For his work in educational leadership and administration, Dr. Jones has received several

awards and commendations including the President's Award from the Georgia School Superintendents Association (2021); the Bill Barr Leadership Award (2016); the AdvancED Excellence in Education Award (2018); and the 2019 Georgia Superintendent of the Year award. He was named one of four finalists for 2019 National Superintendent of the Year by The School Superintendents Association (AASA) and the 2019 National Superintendent of the Year at AASA's National Conference on Education.

Dr. Jones has accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his wife, Evelyn, their three children, and grandchildren. Their support has, no doubt, been the wind beneath his wings.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in honoring, commending, and extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement from an outstanding career in Elementary and Secondary Education Administration and his continued service to humanity.

RECOGNIZING KATERINA  
NAFPLIOTI PANAGOPOULOS

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Katerina Nafplioti Panagopoulos for her outstanding career and accomplishments. Through her many endeavors and initiatives, Ms. Panagopoulos has shown unwavering dedication to the Greek community.

Ms. Panagopoulos was born in Athens, Greece and studied at both the Evangelical School of Nea Smyrni and the Foreign Literature Department of the Paul Valery University, in Montpellier, France. She holds an honorary Doctor of Philosophy from Amity University. Ms. Panagopoulos founded the successful business Studio Alta Moda in Athens and has since made great accomplishments in the sectors of tourism and commerce.

Outside of her work as an accomplished businesswoman, Ms. Panagopoulos has served the world of sports extensively. Since 1998, she has acted as the National Ambassador of Greece in the Council of Europe for Sports, Tolerance and Fair Play and has presided as president of the Panhellenic Women's Sports Association "KALLIPATIRA" since 2005. In 2013, Ms. Panagopoulos signed the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Greek Olympians (SEO) and the Hellenic Paralympic Committee as the President of KALLIPATIRA. Since that time, her work has involved supporting Olympic and Paralympic Champions and Winners, the construction of more than 25 athletic venues throughout Greece, and providing athletic and medical equipment as well as financial support to athletic associations. The International Olympic Committee honored Ms. Panagopoulos in 2012, when she became the first Greek recipient of the Woman and Sports Award.

Ms. Panagopoulos has served as Ambassador of the Greek State regarding matters of promotion of the international role of Greece globally, the creation of new investments and the Hellenic Diaspora since 2019. She is the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece for Hellenic Diaspora since 2018, and President of the International Center for Science and Hellenic Values.

In collaboration with the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Panagopoulos founded an initiative to organize a series of lectures in the most important centers of the Greek Diaspora in the United States. She frequently participates in conferences and working groups, and lectures in schools and foundations nationwide.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Katerina Nafplioti Panagopoulos for her outstanding accomplishments and commitment to representing Hellenic culture in the United States and around the world.

CONGRATULATING RUSSELLVILLE'S BASEBALL TEAM FOR  
WINNING THE 2022 CLASS II  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Russellville Indians baseball team for winning the Class II State Title.

This is Russellville High School's first state title in the history of their baseball program. These players and coaches should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Russellville Indians baseball team for a job well done.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIME TIMERS OF THE  
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Prime Timers of the National Capital Area.

Prime Timers of the National Capital Area was founded on December 17, 1996, as a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international non-profit organization that celebrates all human diversity and whose vision is to "Bring together mature gay and bisexual men for friendship, social activities, support and personal growth."

The mission of Prime Timers of the National Capital Area is to provide opportunities for older gay and bisexual men to come together in a safe and supportive environment regardless of race, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation. The chapter promotes healthy aging

through supportive relationships and personal enrichment through service to others.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Prime Timers of the National Capital Area for its 25 years of dedicated service, which has advanced the welfare not only of the LGBTQ community in the District of Columbia, but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF SLEDER'S FAMILY  
TAVERN

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 140th Anniversary of Sleder's Family Tavern of Traverse City, Michigan. Through almost a century and a half of service and steadfast devotion to their community, Sleder's Family Tavern has become a local landmark and an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Established in 1882, Sleder's Family Tavern's continuous dedication to the local community has landed the business the title of the oldest active restaurant in Michigan. The tavern was started by local wheelwright, Vencil Sleder, who came to the United States as a Bohemian immigrant and built the tavern with the help of his fellow neighbors. The original construction of the tavern was made up of wooden slabs from sawmills and took approximately three years to build since many of the builders were only available on weekends.

Sleder's Family Tavern was owned and operated by the Sleder family for three generations, until it was sold to Bob and Sylvia Classens around the business's 100th anniversary in 1975. The Tavern was then sold to Deb and Brian Cairns in May 1992, who eventually transferred ownership to their son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Megan Cox, on December 31, 2019. Throughout the years, the business has only had minor renovations and additions, and much of the original building has been preserved with the help of the community. Today, the Sleder's Family Tavern is located in the heart of downtown Traverse City, and continues to serve locals for their food and beverage needs.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Sleder's Family Tavern for nearly a century and a half of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GENERAL JOSEPH M. MARTIN, VICE  
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of General

Joseph M. Martin to the United States Army and the American people.

General Joseph M. Martin has served our nation honorably for over thirty-five years. A native of Dearborn, Michigan, General Martin graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1986 and commissioned as an Armor officer. General Martin successfully led and commanded soldiers during peacetime and combat at all levels of leadership including platoon, company, battalion, brigade, and division.

General Martin's record of exemplary combat leadership includes Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Northwest Baghdad, Iraq, and the 1st Infantry Division in Operation Inherent Resolve. General Martin also commanded the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command during the Battle of Mosul, leading a multi-national force retaking the city from Islamic State militants over a seven-month long fight. In total, General Martin has led soldiers on a total of five combat deployments to Iraq across different conflicts and considers himself to always be a "Big Red One" soldier from his many years in America's 1st Division.

General Martin is not just an exceptional combat leader, but has also dedicated years to developing soldiers and the Army's future leaders. Serving first as an observer controller and later as the commanding general of the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, General Martin trained and certified Army units in a highly realistic combat training environment that replicated the type of battlefield seen by U.S. soldiers over the last thirty years. He has also served as an instructor at the U.S. Armor Center, training officers and developing policy and procedures to increase warfighting proficiency. As the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, General Martin has focused on the Army's modernization efforts, building capabilities for future conflicts during a critical time for our national security.

General Martin and his family have also served their communities throughout his distinguished career. He was recognized by the University of Louisville, where he earned a Master of Education in Occupational Training and Development in 1997, as their Alumnus of the Year for 2021.

General Martin's lifetime of service and leadership to his fellow soldiers is commendable, speaking not only to his patriotism, but also to his selfless character. The Army is more prepared to face the strategic threats to our national security today because of his decades of dedication to the mission. The American people owe him a debt of gratitude.

HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON  
GARRETT

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a patriotic American, George Wash-

ington Garrett, as he approaches his 100th birthday. Mr. Garrett lives in Montgomery County, Kentucky.

Mr. Garrett was born on June 7, 1922, in Mt. Sterling, KY. He was inducted into the United States Army on January 29, 1943. Mr. Garrett served in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe as part of the 989th Quartermaster Service Co. For his brave service to our nation, Mr. Garrett was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon with five Bronze Stars. Following the war's end, he was honorably discharged on November 19, 1945.

On Veterans Day in 2020, Mr. Garrett was presented with a Quilt of Valor Award from the Quilts of Valor Foundation in appreciation of his service.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Garrett, celebrate his 100th birthday and thank him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during World War II. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mr. Garrett and his fellow soldiers fought to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like George Washington Garrett.

CELEBRATING LEON VALDRY ON  
HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leon E. Valdry, on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Leon E. Valdry, a native of Bueche, Louisiana (a country community in Baton Rouge Louisiana), born June 7, 1932, celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday June 4, 2022. The function was held in Louisiana at the Valdry Center for Philanthropy located on the beautiful campus of Southern University.

Mr. Valdry came from humble beginnings but has established himself as a real estate icon currently living in Beverly Hills, California. He is a philanthropist and the largest donor to his beloved alma mater Southern University in which he graduated 1957 in engineering. In 2019, Southern University opened the doors to the Valdry Center School of Philanthropy an academically based research center focused on Philanthropies named after him and his brother. It is the only HBCU Philanthropy Center in the country.

Leon Valdry believes that consistent financial support from alumni is critical to Southern University's growth and longevity. "As alumni, it is imperative that we give back to the University. Every graduate regardless of the amount they are able to give, should make a financial contribution annually," said Valdry. On March 21, 2015, Leon Valdry made a unrestricted gift of \$100,000 to the Southern University System Foundation's 1880 Society. Valdry is a long-time supporter of the Southern University College of Business and a member of the 1880 Society, P.B.S. Pinchback Circle. The P.B.S. Pinchback Circle requires an annual cash contribution of no

less than \$25,000 to the Society. He is still a member.

Philanthropy for Valdry has been a way of life for more than 50 years. The training he received while he was a student at Southern University, provided Valdry with an opportunity to secure his first job with the Litho Art Company in Los Angeles, California. Since that time, he has made a name for himself in real estate development throughout Louisiana and California. His real estate ventures consist of residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Valdry is a resident of Beverly Hills, California and is President/CEO of Holly Park Plaza in Inglewood, California, which is one of the largest shopping centers in the city of Los Angeles.

The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University acknowledges the sizable contributions that Leon, Warren, and Virginia Valdry have made to their alma mater, and the need to support excellence in education at HBCUs by endeavoring to create a culture of philanthropy, promote racial equity, and provide a trained workforce to help direct volunteer action and charitable resources toward communities in need.

He is a member of the Democratic Party and has made contributions throughout the years. Mr. Valdry looks forward to attending any upcoming Democratic functions in Beverly Hills. He has blessed both communities in Louisiana and Beverly Hills by assisting young adults/students with their academic journey. He is a devout Catholic and is a member of the Usher Team at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Beverly Hills California. He is also an Army Veteran. President Biden joined in the celebration, celebrating Mr. Valdry for his love, kindness, generosity, and time to humanity.

A huge Congratulations and Birthday Wishes to Louisiana's native Son.

HONORING ZEAL SABALLA

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Zeal Saballa, upon his acceptance to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Acta Non Verba."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

A vital part of our nation's maritime operations, the Merchant Marine's duties are dynamic—transporting cargo and passengers during peacetime and serving as an auxiliary to the United States Navy during times of war.

I was glad to sponsor Zeal's nomination, as his dynamism reflects the mission of the branch which he will soon serve. I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Zeal, and know that he will make this Nation proud.



IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
RETIREMENT OF SHEILA CANZIAN

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheila Canzian upon her retirement after 52 years of public service to the people of San Mateo. Sheila is the marathon runner of parks and recreation directors, having started as a summer playground leader and moved her way steadily upward over decades of service.

She grew up in San Mateo and was hired in 1970. About 79,000 residents were served by the parks of San Mateo at the time. Today, San Mateo has nearly 104,000 residents and the recreational amenities of the city have grown to meet the needs of this increased population. She manages over 35 parks, six community centers, the Marina Lagoon, Poplar Creek Golf Course, and numerous other amenities that make San Mateo a youthful and fun place to live on the peninsula. Sheila was instrumental in the development of the city's shoreline parks along the bayfront, the senior center, and the rebranding of Poplar Creek Golf Course.

While all parks in San Mateo have their own character, the crown jewel is the site of the old Kohi Mansion, affectionately known as Central Park. During the year, families enjoy the winter ice rink, modern and accessible playground equipment, and a stunning Japanese Garden that draws visitors from around the world. If you love Central Park, recognize that Sheila is the heart that allows Central Park to live. The rose garden and train are beloved and allow families to exercise together while enjoying amenities unusual in a city the size of San Mateo. The community recreation center has witnessed countless public events and is a gathering place for San Mateo's seniors. In dogged pursuit of keeping Central Park in fine fiddle, and even when city finances were strained, Sheila did a remarkable job of managing countless koi fish, hundreds of trees and numerous city managers. The koi and the trees were quick learners.

If 52 years of professional service do not prove the point, in 2021 Sheila was voted into the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration, a nationwide body dedicated to recognizing distinguished professionals. The California Parks and Recreation Society has inducted her into its Hall of Fame, and she once served as its President and Secretary. She serves on the board of the San Mateo Police Activities League, the San Mateo Parks Foundation, and on numerous community boards. As children are her professional focus, she also gives to the community as a board member of Peninsula Family Service and the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation. She is a second-generation native of San Mateo and earned her BA from the University of San Francisco and an MPA from Notre Dame de Namur University.

No recitation of her love of community would be complete without mentioning her heartfelt support of the city's special relationship with the 101st Airborne Division and the sister city relationship San Mateo enjoys with

Toyonaka, Japan. In recent years, my staff remembers attending a meeting where the city's little league team took at least 30 minutes to explain to the city council the special time that the young people of San Mateo had as they played against, and with, their youthful counterparts in Toyonaka. Organizers par excellence of this opportunity were Sheila Canzian and her colleagues at the San Mateo Parks and Recreation Department.

Along with City Clerk Patricia Olds and community member Linda Patterson, Sheila Canzian organizes all events that honor Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, of the 101st Airborne Division. The efforts of Sheila and hundreds of other San Mateo residents over the years since 1967 have boosted the morale of our troops and paid homage to their sacrifice for liberty on behalf of us all.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Sheila Canzian. If ever there was a case for pursuing a life of public service, I ask that we look at the public spaces nurtured by Sheila. The painter Claude Monet had his garden, and he built his life's work around its beauty. Sheila Canzian had a city, and her joyful work will be with us for generations yet to come.

**DOLLY TRAVIS**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dolly Anderson Travis of Lakewood, Colorado who will turn 100 years old on June 18, 2022.

Dolly Anderson Travis was born June 18, 1922 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Dolly's great-grandparents immigrated from Austria and Slovakia. Dolly's parents having only a grade school education valued education as a means to success in the United States and made it a priority for both her and her brother, Jan. When Dolly was 11 or so, her parents paid for a few piano lessons which they felt would provide a creative outlet for her and her brother. They both quickly discovered a prodigious talent for music. Within a year, Dolly and Jan were playing instrumental accompaniment for singers on Hazleton's radio station WAZL and at other public events. While at Julliard in the early 1940s, Dolly was recruited to participate in numerous musical and entertainment events sponsored by the United Service Organization, started in 1941 to entertain soldiers, sailors and airmen departing for overseas deployment during WWII. She subsequently played in many swing-era bands in New York City, where she played the piano, accordion, guitar and saxophone.

Dolly married a sailor from Brooklyn, New York in the early 1950s and moved to Denver, where she fell in love with the mountains and the great outdoors. She was fond of western, cowboy music and culture, and started a family in Thornton, a Denver suburb, where her son Mark and daughter June would grow up.

Dolly loves to shop for unique items and collectibles from the many indoor malls that dot the Denver landscape. Villa Italia mall in

Lakewood, a suburb of Denver, was one of her favorites, offering a large variety of merchandise at so many price points. She particularly enjoyed the grilled cheese sandwiches that Woolworth offered in their restaurants in the early days of the mall and throughout their Denver locations. She enjoyed taking her children to the Sinclair dinosaur exhibit in Villa Italia's parking lot, featuring lifelike recreations of dinosaurs which Sinclair would host in Denver and other cities during the 1960s.

Dolly still plays the piano, walks without assistance, and is addicted to blueberry and cherry pies. Dolly has an unfinished concerto she's been composing for years, loves reading the funnies, and enjoys perusing tabloids and gossip magazines while hanging out at the local Starbucks.

Celebrating 100 years of age is a tremendous milestone and should be celebrated. It is my privilege to wish Dolly a very happy birthday and wish her all the best in the future.

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, Buchanan High School has produced more than 10,000 hardworking, bright individuals over the last hundred years who have gone on to better our community for generations to come.

One hundred years ago Buchanan High School opened its doors for the very first time here. Twenty-five classrooms, an auditorium, a gymnasium and two offices were quickly filled with learning, listening and friendship. Over time this building has grown to accommodate increased enrollment and the ever-changing field of education.

I would like to personally thank each and every educator, administrator and staff member who made virtual learning possible for our students during the pandemic and laid the groundwork for us to return to in-person learning. It truly is good to be back to some normalcy, but we must not forget the difficulties we faced not too long ago. The dedicated folks here at Buchanan High School made sure that every student had access to the internet and a dedicated laptop to learn, making sure that no student was left behind. Under the leadership of many principals, first Floyd Early when Buchanan High School opened its doors and a century later under Stacey DeMaio, Buchanan High School has continued to "Develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society."

I am eager to see the accomplishments Buchanan High School will achieve over these next one hundred years and the progress made both here in this building and by alumni across the world.

And lastly, Go Bucks.



RECOGNIZING 96-YEAR-OLD WAR HERO JOHN THOMAS WILLETT, A SURVIVOR OF THE USS "LSM-169" SHIP THAT HAD TO BE EVACUATED AFTER HITTING AN ENEMY MINE DURING WWII

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Thomas Willett, a Buffalo native who barely survived when the ship he was serving on hit an enemy mine while he was serving our great nation as a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Willett was born in Buffalo, New York in 1926 where he attended high school before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1943 at the age of 17. He spent most of his service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II. He was stationed on the USS *LSM-169* where he participated in numerous battles including the Battle of Corregidor, Luzon and Manila Bay-Bicol Operations where he achieved the rank of Seaman First Class.

On February 15, 1945 the USS *LSM-169* struck a mine off the coast of the Mariveles Harbor in the Philippines. A massive explosion caused fires on the ship but Seaman First Class Willett was on the other side of the ship and miraculously survived. The USS *LCS-48* and the USS *PC-1133* came to the rescue and saved as many service members as possible. Unfortunately, some service members lost their lives. Although he survived, after being pulled from the water and helping to rescue others, Seaman First Class Willett suffered shrapnel wounds and hearing loss due to the explosion but continued his service until he was honorably discharged from the Navy on April 14, 1946.

Upon returning home and graduating high school, John worked at Buffalo's grain elevators while attending college at night on the GI bill and got married. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves on February 9, 1951 and spent the next few months training at Camp Pendleton in California during the Korean conflict. He officially was discharged from military service on September 1st of the same year he returned home to Buffalo to be with his wife and four children. He is still married to his wife of 73 years, Mildred and his family eventually grew to 12 children, 31 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He worked in the Aerospace industry for almost 40 years, retiring from MOOG to pursue woodworking, athletics and volunteer work including Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, to name just a few.

I am proud to recognize the bravery of World War II Veteran John Thomas Willett.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW LISTER FOR RECEIVING THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Lister, a teacher from

Orion High School, for receiving the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Golden Apple Foundation.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes and honors our most outstanding teachers for the positive and lasting impact they have on our students' lives and our community as a whole. Mr. Lister is one of 10 award recipients in Illinois—selected out of 400 nominations of 9 through 12 grade teachers. I'm so glad to see Mr. Lister recognized for inspiring students at Orion High School and his overall contributions to the Orion community.

It is because of committed and honorable educators such as Mr. Lister that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Andrew Lister for receiving the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

### HONORING JEAN MORALES-RAMOS

### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Jean Morales-Ramos, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Fortis".

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Jean's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Jean, and know he will make this Nation proud.

### RECOGNIZING GAME WARDEN AARON KAMMANN

### HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding work of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Region 3 Gallatin District Game Warden, Mr. Aaron Kammann from Bozeman, Montana.

Montana's game wardens have a responsibility to provide protection for Montana's diverse and highly treasured natural resources, and Warden Kammann's actions exemplify proper stewardship of the Treasure State and commitment to Montana values and outdoor traditions.

In addition, Mr. Kammann regularly brings confiscated and damaged wild game to a local food bank, FoodArk, which processes and distributes meat to those in need. His work ethic embodies the core principles of duty, selfless-

ness, and resourcefulness, and Montana is grateful for his public service.

I thank Aaron for serving the people of Montana.

### RECOGNIZING CORPORAL PATRICK DANIEL MCKEE

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Patrick Daniel McKee. After 29 years of service with the Plumstead Township Police Department, Corporal McKee is retiring. Born and raised in Plumstead, Patrick graduated Central Bucks East High School and then began working in the auto repair field, finding such success that he owned and operated his own repair and service station. In December 1992, Patrick decided to attend the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy. By April 1993, he was hired by his hometown police department in Plumstead Township as a full-time, sworn police officer. Throughout his time with the department, he served as a Detective and attended numerous training programs related to investigations, including the highly regarded FBI Intercounty Detective Training Program in 1998. By 2004, Patrick was promoted to the rank of Corporal and given the responsibility of overseeing a squad of patrol officers. Patrick also served as one of the department's Firearms Instructors and armorer, training law enforcement officers in the proper use and safe handling of firearms.

Throughout Corporal McKee's career, his commitment to service has not gone unnoticed. Members of the community writing to the department have expressed thanks for Patrick's gracious, friendly, and respectful demeanor both in and out of uniform. He has also received letters of commendation from the Bucks County District Attorneys' Office and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to name just a couple. Patrick has proven himself to be an officer committed to protecting and defending his hometown and his neighbors.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that Corporal Patrick Daniel McKee has had throughout his long career of public service, and we wish him countless blessings during his retirement.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2022

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2022, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the

William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a “best practice” certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia’s David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics. More needs to be done to sustain and increase the number of these programs.

I was a tenured professor of law and continued to teach a seminar after being elected to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide their clients.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who put their lives on the line for this country.

#### EDINBURGH BICENTENNIAL

### HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the city of Edinburgh on the occasion of its grand Bicentennial.

Edinburgh was the first settlement in Johnson County and was established March 3 1822. Edinburgh’s history runs rich and deep, even boasting Johnson County’s oldest and first store. Standing alongside this historical store is the Edinburgh Post Office which has been in operation since 1823.

Edinburgh represents the true spirit of America with businesses, communities, and our very own Camp Atterbury. Business thrives here where there were once railroads and mills, and where the hardwood veneer industry still stands. Another famous business finds its home here, founded in 1989, Not Just Popcorn, which has been recognized not only nationally, but globally.

I would like to honor this great city. From its storied history to its present day standing here in Indiana, may Edinburgh be celebrated on this Bicentennial year.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF ISRAEL’S CONSUL GENERAL TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SHLOMI KOFMAN

### HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Israel’s Consul General to the Pacific Northwest Shlomi Kofman on the conclusion of his term of service, and his return on August 1, 2022, to Israel for his next assignment.

Consul General Kofman is the diplomatic representative of the State of Israel to the states of California (Northern region), Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Montana.

During his tenure, he actively promoted friendly relationships with government representatives from this region, including Members of Congress, and he has never hesitated to reach out to me to address questions for my constituents or serve as a resource on

issues related to Israel and the Israeli community in my district.

Shlomi Kofman began his appointment as Israel’s Consul General to the Pacific Northwest in August 2017.

He most recently served as a Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Ministers based in Jerusalem, Israel.

Over the course of his 24-year diplomatic career, Kofman has served as Israel’s Deputy Consul General in New York City, Chief of Staff to Ambassadors in Washington D.C., Deputy Ambassador in Thailand and Deputy Consul General in Shanghai.

His past domestic Foreign Ministry positions include Director of North American Economic Affairs, Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Minister, Diplomatic Advisor & Director of the International Department in the Parliament and Ministry of National Infrastructure, and the Head of the Northeast Asia sector.

Prior to joining the Foreign Ministry, Kofman worked in the High-Tech Industry, representing the Israeli company Orbot in South Korea, as well as a consultant to a leading Israeli company, ECI.

Kofman holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations & East Asian studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a master’s degree from Webster University—Shanghai University of Finance & Economics. He also holds an Associate’s engineering degree.

Shlomi was born in Tbilisi, the capitol of the Soviet Republic of Georgia and made Aliya (immigrated) to Israel at the age of nine, after being refused for three years by Russian authorities.

During his tenure as Consul General serving in the Pacific Northwest, Shlomi Kofman has broadened the relationship between Israel and the states under his jurisdiction.

His advocacy and leadership led to a first-of-its-kind economic analysis that quantified the deeply interconnected California-Israel relationship, which amounts to billions of dollars in business activity and trade, and hundreds of thousands of Israelis living and working in California.

In a time where we witness increases in antisemitism, Holocaust denial, and violence against Jews, he has prioritized Holocaust education and policies to combat antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment.

He has been a strong advocate for expanding cooperation between governments and businesses in the areas of agriculture, energy, innovation, water management, and emergency services mutual aid.

In 2020, during the height of the wildfire catastrophe in California, Israel, for the first time ever, sent a delegation of firefighters to assist in fighting the fires. This was not only a gesture of solidarity and friendship but also a reaffirmation of values that both the United States and Israel share—which is to stand together with allies in times of need.

In that spirit, he convened high-level summits with policymakers to promote the sharing of COVID-19 strategies.

He has strengthened Israel’s connections with businesses, local communities, universities, and other academic institutions here in the United States.

Shlomi Kofman worked to increase the number of delegations of Americans visiting Israel to further study firsthand that country as well as organize diverse international delegations to visit the United States.

These important exchanges focused on expanding understand of diverse communities throughout the world, including people of color, women in leadership, the LGBTQ+ community, labor leaders, and citizen activists from Arab countries.

In addition, I personally have benefitted from my meetings with Consul General Kofman, where we shared honest conversations about the issues of the day. We discussed the common ties of entrepreneurship between Silicon Valley and Israel, and how such cooperation can benefit other regions of the world. I hope to continue that dialogue with his successor.

As Shlomi Kofman concludes his tenure in San Francisco, I am grateful that he built a legacy of friendship, cooperation, and a strong willingness to work with people from all backgrounds and perspectives.

The United States has greatly benefitted from the services of Consul General Shlomi Kofman.

#### HONORING HARRIS GELBERG, M.D. FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, Harris Gelberg, M.D. has been a Santa Barbara resident since 1978. He has served the community as a cardiologist for over 44 years, caring for thousands of Santa Barbara residents.

He has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his patients, many of whom he cared for over several decades, answering their calls at night, on the weekends, and over the holidays. He took the extra time to not only treat his patients’ heart conditions, but he coordinated their overall health care to help them remain healthy, active, and vibrant. He served as Chief of the Medical Staff of Cottage Hospital and mentored numerous physicians. Despite his busy medical practice, he is devoted to Bernice, his spouse since 1971, their children, Grant and Laura, and their grandchildren, Sam, Jonah, Theo, and Eli. After years of service to the community, he has retired from the practice of medicine.

This U.S. Congress honors Harris Gelberg, M.D. for his years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Barbara and commends him for his tireless efforts to improve the health and well-being of so many residents of our community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF AN INSTALLATION AT THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORING EDITH “EDIE” WINDSOR

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Edith “Edie” Windsor for her invaluable contributions to the LGBTQ+ rights movement and in recognition of a new installation at the New York Historical Society—Edith Windsor: Champion

of Marriage Equality. This past September, the New York Historical Society held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the American LGBTQ+ Museum, New York's first museum dedicated to LGBTQ+ history and culture, which is set to open in 2024. This new installation honoring Ms. Windsor was made possible through the contribution of artifacts from her archive by her widow, Judith Kasen-Windsor.

Edie Windsor first became involved in the fight for equality after the 1969 Stonewall Riots and quickly emerged as a leader. Her historic challenge to the unconstitutional Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) compelled the federal government to recognize valid marriages between same sex couples and paved the way for marriage equality in the United States.

Ms. Windsor grew up during the Great Depression, the youngest of three children in a Russian Jewish immigrant family. She received her undergraduate degree from Temple University and a master's degree in mathematics from New York University. The following year she began to work at IBM and was steadily promoted to the top technical position during her 16 years at the company.

In 1963, Edie Windsor met her first wife, Thea Spyer. Two years later the couple began dating. They became engaged in 1967 despite the lack of legal recognition of same sex couples anywhere in the United States. After the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, Ms. Windsor and Ms. Spyer became more involved in sup-

porting and advocating for rights for the City's LGBTQ+ community. Ms. Windsor volunteered with the LGBTQ+ Community Center, the East End Gay Organization, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, and the 1994 Gay Games in New York. She also served on the board of Services & Advocacy for the LGBT GLBT Elders (SAGE) and help found Old Queers Acting Up, a social justice skit comedy and improvisation group.

In 2009, Thea Spyer passed away, leaving the entirety of her estate to her wife, Edie. Due to DOMA, Edie Windsor was prohibited from claiming the estate tax exemption for surviving spouses and was faced with a nearly half million-dollar tax liability. In 2010, Ms. Windsor sued the federal government for a full tax refund in a series of court cases that made it all the way to the Supreme Court in 2013. In 2013, Edie Windsor's suit was upheld by the Supreme Court ruling finding DOMA unconstitutional. This validation of her decades long partnership with Ms. Spyer was not only a vindication for Ms. Windsor but for countless LGBTQ+ couples around the Nation. Two years later, the Supreme Court made marriage a constitutional right guaranteed to all Americans. In 2016, Ms. Windsor found love again, marrying Judith Kasen-Windsor. Ms. Windsor's passing in the fall of 2017 marked the end of a truly heroic life spent championing equality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary gumption and the incomparable advocacy of Ms. Wind-

sor on behalf of the entire LGBTQ+ community throughout her long and accomplished life.

HONORING BRYCE DAVIS

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Bryce Davis, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Bryce's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Bryce, and know that he will make this Nation proud.